MEDICAL MAJOR GODS

THEY RIVAL THEIR BROTHERS OF LE-GAL FAME IN FANCY FEES.

Some Enormous Incomes That Are En-Joyed by the Elect In Their Respective Professions In New York-How, In Con-

trast, the Common Herd Fares. An English jourralist visiting this coun try a few years ago said of New York that it was "a market where all destrable wares are certain to bring a fair reward for the trouble and expense of producing them." While this is as true today as it was then there are critics who find fault with the scale of prices and give point to the old say-ing that it is impossible to satisfy every

A reporter has investigated the subject of professional incomes received in this city, and in the course of this investigation has discovered that, if the figures cited by President Hauper are accurate, his college professors are doing quite as well as the average lawyer, doctor and clergyman in New York. He states that in 61 colleges having from 60 to 250 students, the salaries of the most highly paid professors average about \$1,000, and that in colleges having

more than 250 students the average is 11,516.

The average business man who makes 8 per cent on his invested capital thinks that he is getting a very fair return for it. The capital of the professional man is his edu cation, so that President Harper's professor receives an income about equivalent to that derived from \$25,000 invested at 8 per cent.

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Many doctors and lawyers have confessed
to the reporter that they would be glad to
feel sure of realizing that profit as the result of a year's labor.

During the last 30 or 40 years the rate of
compensation for the heaviest cases of work
in the three learned professions has greatly
increased. Before the war the lawyer who
received a fee of \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 was
recarded as a specially lucky fellow. To, received a fee of \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 was regarded as a specially lucky fellow. To-day it is a common thing for well known members of the bar to charge and obtain such sums for a particular service. During the famous Erie litigation, brought about by the transactions of Fisk and Gould, David Dudley Field, their coun-

sel, is said to have received a retainer of \$100,000. At no time during the period when that eminent jurisconsult was at the summit of his fame and in the midst of an active practice did he derive less than \$100. 000 per annum from his professional labors. Mr. Evarts' income was quite as large, and Mr. Choate, his partuer, is today in receipt of one that cannot be much less. While these cases are exceptional there are, it is estimated, between 200 and 400 lawyers here whose average annual earnings will

Against these, which may be classified as cases of lawyers of exceptional tulents and opportunities, are to be placed the cases of the thousands of less fortunate ones, many of whom barely manage to earn a support for themselves and their families. The law is a crowded profession, and for the man who enters it without briefs or friends an unprofitable one. According to an estimate given the reporter by a member in long practice, the average income of the New York lawyer is between \$900 and \$1,000.

The same conditions are to be observed in the medical profession. There, too, men of the highest attainments and reputation are earning yearly sums that half a century ago would have been regarded as a fortune. A list submitted to the reporter of physi-cians whose incomes exceed \$20,000 con-tained, among others, such names as Dr. Loomis, Dr. Filmt, Dr. Sayre, Dr. Satterlee, Dr. Stimson, Dr. Mackeo, Dr. Peters, Dr. McBurney, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Delafield and Dr. Weir. The list of those whose incomes are in the neighborhood of \$10,000 embraces

the names of nearly 200 practitioners.

Doctors like Loomis, Flint and Sayre hold the same relation to the practice of medi-cine that lawyers like Choate, Evarts, Carter and Field hold to the practice of law. They are the "major gods" of their pro-fession, and their remuneration is gradnated according to the public appreciation of their pre-eminent skill and talent. A physician who has been associated with Dr. Loomis in many important cases is of the opinion that his profession yields him as much as \$60,000 or \$70,000 a year. In former times, when a doctor had more business than he could attend to, he turned some of it over to an assistant. Although that is physicians correct the excess by increasing their charges or by adopting the role of consulting physicians.

A quarter of a century back \$2.50 was the usual fee for a visit. Now it is in some in stances \$5, in other \$10 and in still other \$20. When a physician who has abandoned the practice of visiting his patients and become a consulting physician makesan exception under special circumstances, he charges for a visit thus made as much as he would for a consultation. Doctors of the grade Savre, Stimson, Flint, Loomis and Mc Burney, when acting as consulting physicians, receive as high as \$50, \$75 and \$100.

In the third or lowest grade of the pro-fession the incomes taper down from \$3,000 to a few hundreds. This of course is the most numerous grade and has the principle of the survival of the fittest as illus trated by experiences that are often posi-tively harrowing. At the time when the passion for painting placques was most in-tensely developed in this city, a cynic ob-served that, "Of placques and doctors there is no end." He alluded to the multitude of "sawbones" yearly graduated in spite of the fact that New York has had for years more doctors than it knows what to do with. By the profession the opinion is almost unanimously entertained that the best correction of the evil is to raise the standard of qualification. Reduce the quantity and improve the quality of the supply.-New York News.

Woman's Last Look.

"When a woman has got her bonnet and formed a company and started out. We gloves on and is perfectly ready, with her travel all over the north woods by rail, gloves on and is perfectly ready, with her gloves on and is perfectly ready, with her parasol in hand, she always goes back," stage or wagon. In summer we make the says a cynical person, "to a mirror to take a last, fond farewell. Every woman does a last, fond farewell. Every woman does and we are well liked. Our receipts are and we are well liked. Our receipts are well but so are our expenses. We are well as cynical individual, "I don't mind telling you that I myself am not satisfied with one last look. I invariably take four. The second is for my brother or—or some other young man—that's nothing but just.
The third is for my friends—that's only generous—and the last is for the woman I don't like, and who doesn't like me—that's human nature. If the fourth satisfies me. then I assure you I never take any more.
--London Tit-Bits.

A Fatal Remark. "But surely," urged Binks, "seeing is be-

"Not necessarily," responded Jinks. "For instance, I see you every day, but as to be-

e never finished that sentence.-Drake's The will of the late Charles T. Insiee of

Brooklyn was written on a 4 foot roll of foolscap, pasted together and folded in a complicated manner. In a postscript he makes an apology for the document being so badly folded. The greatest speed attained by sailing

ships, according to Mulhal, was by the James Baines, 420 miles in 24 hours, and Flying Cloud, 412. The Red Jacket ran 2280 miles in seven days, averaging 325 miles

The holding power of wire and cut nalls was recently investigated at the Watertown arsenal, and the cut nails were shown to have a holding power about 75 per cent greater than the other class.

YOU PRESS THE BUTTON

in Ingenious Scheme to Supplant Voting Voting by machine is the latest device for securing honest elections. It has already been tried in various towns in New York and Michigan and is pronounced a success. The New York legislature has legalized the use of the machine at the option of a majority of the local election boards, and some of them have adopted it for use in local elections. It registers and counts every vote as it is cast and saves the expense of printing and distributing ballots. It insures absolute secrey, thus rendering bribery unprofitable, and the blind and illiterate can use it as well as those who can read. It does away with the necessity for counting the votes by registering the total number cast, and all that the by Ballot.

g the total number cast, and all that the i clerks have to do after the election is

over is to copy the figures from the regis-ter, send in the returns and go home.

The machine is a steel cabinet 7 feet bigh and 7 feet square at the base. Only one man is allowed to enter at a time. He finds himself confronted by several perpen-dicular lists of names, each party ticket of a different color—the Demogratic vallow the Republican red, the Prohibitionist blue, the Populist violet, the Labor ticket green. These colors are prescribed by law and cannot be changed, as they are for the guidance of voters who cannot read. Each name has a button beside it, and if the voter wishes to vote a straight party ticket all he has to do is to press all the buttons



HOW THE VOTES ARE CAST.

of any one color. He can split his ticket if he likes, but cannot vote for more than one man for each office, as the pushing of one button locks automatically all other but-tons on the same horizontal line.

The illiterate man votes by color, the

blind man by position. He is told that the first row to the left is Democratic, the sec-ond row Republican, and so on. All he then has to do is to feel for the row he wants and push in the buttons. When the voter is through, he nunkes his exit through two doors in one corner of the cabinet. Opening the inner one, he steps into the passage and closes the door behind him. The inner door locks automatically, so that he cannot get back to repeat his vote. It also releases all the buttons be has pushed in and opens the outer door for him to pas

The back of the cabinet on the outside is formed of double steel doors. These are locked and scaled before the election begins. When the voting is over, the seal is broken and the doors are opened. There, behind the rows of buttons, over the name of each candidate, are figures showing the total number of votes cast for him.

Signs of Prosperity. "You will pardon me, sir," said Hungry Walker to the man with the dress suit and

the white waistcoat. "Go away! I don't want to buy any court plaster."

"Sir, you are rash and impetuous. A square inch of this gelatinized silk which I daily yend here might save your life." "Get out, you pink whiskered fraud!"
"But, sir, pray consider. You have plen-

"If you don't let me alone. I'll call a po-

"Nay, sir. You not only have an still done, the most popular of the leading dance of this world's goods, but you are a "Well, go on. "Anybody can wear a dress suit. They are expensive, it is true, but they last for

years. The man who wears a white waist-coat in the evening must have a brand new dress suit. Nobely wears a rusty dress suit with a white waistcoat. You have a white rusty, and as you must have bought it only J. J. MELCHERS' a short time ago, you have money.

"A man who wears a new dress suit must stand in with his tailor, and the man who has a white wal-tout must have a No. 1 rating with his washerwoman. Sir, you are at peace with your tailor and washer woman. You have been strangely blessed by fortune, and you can well afford to spend 5 cents for this diminutive packet. "Thank you, friend Crossus. I'll drink

to your health with the proceeds."-New York Tribune.

No Yearning For Fame.

"I haven't played in a place of 5,000 in habitants for 10 y . s." remarked the man ager of a theatrical company who was in town the other day buying a lot of old lithographs. "I got tired loafing about Union square and waiting for something to turn up. My wife's brother asked us to visit him at a village called Conklingville in the lower Adirondacks. Just to keep our hand in, my wife, my two daughters and myself gave a little entertainment in a big room over a store. It took, and I got an idea. I sent for two fellows I knew, we formed a company and started out. We "For my part," continues this frank as if as cynical individual, "I don't niud never out of a job and never dead broke, ling you that I myself am not satisfied the one last look. I invariably take four escond is for my brother or—or some earn a comfortable living and to let others continue the heart breaking chase after fame and fortune."—New York Sun.

It is through flirtation, which has advanced to something like a fine art, that many marriageable young folks lose their chance in life. Flirtation destroys confidence between the persons who indulge it it; it prevents the natural growth of mutual esteem; it is not a thing of good faith. It is an error to suppose that lovemaking and flirtation are identical; they are, in truth, antithetical. Lovemaking is ten-der and ennobling, while flirtation is cruel, foolish and demeaning. The one is the prelude to wedded happiness; the other is inimical to it. Young men and women should exercise their reason while on the lookout for suitable life partners, yet many of them give encouragement to flirters-silly flirters who are taken up and thrown off, with results that are often grievous in deed.—People's Journal.

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